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Advice 2306-G/2091-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Expands Applicant Design Option to Commercial/Industrial Line and Service Extensions

Purpose

This advice filing is to notify the Commission and interested parties that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) is further opening applicant design in accordance with Decision (D.) 97-12-099. The Company proposes to expand the Applicant Design Option to all projects where the electric main switch size is 2000 amps or less and for all gas projects up to 60 psig.

Background

In D.95-12-013, the Commission approved a 24-month pilot program to test the feasibility of applicants designing distribution facilities for gas and electric service to their residential projects. On December 16, 1997, the Commission issued D.97-12-099, finding that the applicant design pilot program for new residential gas and electric distribution line extensions was a success and concluded that the program should be implemented as a regular utility tariff option for new and temporary residential distribution facilities. As a result, the Company filed Advice 2081-G/1765-E establishing the Applicant Design Option for New Residential Installations.

In addition, Ordering Paragraph 4 of D.97-12-099, stated that within three years of the date specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 (July 1, 1998), the Applicant Design Option should be open to applicants requesting commercial or industrial service less than 50 kV and up to 60 psig¹. This decision specifies that the third-party designers must also meet the utilities pre-qualification requirements for such projects.

In Advice 2290-G/2075-E, the Company proposed to expand the Applicant Design Option, with an implementation date of February 1, 2001, to all projects where the where the main electric switch size is 400 amps or less and for all gas

¹ At the request of the Energy Division, PG&E clarifies that 50 kV is consistent with the standard distribution line voltage limit as defined in PG&E's electric Rule 15 and General Order 131-D.

projects using 1000 CFH or less. The filing included all pressure sets up to and including 1 lb.

Pursuant to D.97-12-099, the Company is notifying the Commission that it is opening the Applicant Design Option to applicants where the main electric switch size is 2000 amps or less and for all gas projects up to 60 psig. The Company will complete the opening up of applicant design required by D.97-12-099, for larger projects by July 1, 2001.

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Effective Date

The Company proposes to implement the expansion of the Applicant Design Program on **April 1, 2001**.

Notice

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order 96-A, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list, and to the service list for R.92-03-050. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

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Attachments

cc: Line Extension Rule Service List – R.92-03-050